



VICTORIAN VENTURER COUNCIL

THE ROLE OF THE ZONE/DISTRICT VENTURER COUNCIL

There are three reasons why a Venturer MUST attend the Zone/District Venturer Council (Z/DVC):

1. The goal with a Z/DVC is to provide a broad scoped peer review to support areas / Units / Leaders who may not have extensive experience with interpreting the goals and standards of the Award Scheme. It is especially useful for "not fully functioning" Unit Councils and new Leaders and a forum that experienced operators SHOULD attend to assist – that is “leading” and specifically YOUTH LEADING, ideally through roles of Chair and Secretary
2. Z/DVC is also designed as a training meeting for our leaders – that means Unit Chairs and current VL’s, AVL’s
3. Z/DVC is our preferred channel for communication and feedback between layers and across Units.

The Z/DVC should also play a vital support role to disseminate information of Courses, Events and other Venturer material and can provide a forum where Venturers can interact with other Units and gain assistance with Award Scheme activities (i.e. – other Venturers to go on VA or QS Expeditions).

The Z/DVC also ensures that the Award Scheme standards (as outlined in the Venturer Scout Record Book) are maintained and that local rules in Units or Districts are eliminated. This is in line with State and National directives.

Z/DVC and Award Scheme Approvals:

Venturer Award

Examiners are approved locally. However, we have a collective duty of care for higher risk activities that are frequently undertaken across Group boundaries, so the Examiner for Outdoors and Expeditions must be tested at the Z/DVC to get that ‘collective’ safeguard (and also be available for Venturers from other Units).

Queen's Scout Award

If a Unit Council is functioning and experienced (determined by the Z/DVL), Venturers only need an Examiner approved at Z/DVC. However, to get that Examiner approved, the Venturer need to present their proposed activity in detail so that the correct Examiner can be confirmed and agreed by the whole Z/DVC, so in fact A Venturer (or a delegate if necessary) does need to attend.

Encouraging Venturers to attend these meetings will also provide a forum for information and networking when Venturers need support from others outside their Unit to be a part of activities (i.e. VA or QS Expeditions).

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